

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 898

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Matthew Andrews of Hendersonville upon being named a 2004 Distinguished Finalist for the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to pause in their deliberations to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Matthew Andrews, an esteemed resident of Hendersonville, has been recognized as one of Tennessee's top student volunteers in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award's Ninth Annual nationwide program, which recognizes young people for outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, for his exemplary volunteer service, Matthew was recognized as a 2004 Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award program, presented by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor young volunteers across America who have demonstrated an extraordinary commitment to serving their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Andrews was selected from a pool of 20,000 young people who were considered for the award; and

WHEREAS, he earned this recognition by recruiting members of his high school football team to serve as mentors and reading tutors for third-grade students; the "Buccaneer Reading Team" awarded "touchdown" achievement certificates and free football tickets to the seventy third-graders enrolled in the program; and

WHEREAS, Prudential Financial, with the National Association of Secondary School Principals, will present an engraved bronze medallion to Mr. Andrews for his outstanding community service; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Andrews epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean and has taken his place among the many noble citizens who have earned this State the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like Mr. Andrews who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Matthew Andrews on being recognized as a Distinguished Finalist in the Prudential Spirit of Community Award program, recognize his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.